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SUBJECT: REDEFINITIONAL PROPOSAL ON AIRCRAFT--IL 1460

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1. EXCEPT FOR US, ALL DELS EXCEPT THE FRENCH ACCEPTED ON MAY 11 THE UK PROPOSAL. GERMAN, FRENCH, JAPANESE AND ITALIAN DELS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WAS TOO MODEST. GERMAN DEL ADDED THAT PRESENT EXEMPTION IN SUBITEM (B) IS MEANINGLESS SINCE EVEN SMALL PRIVATE PLANES ARE NOW EQUIPPED WITH COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES COVERED BY ITEMS 1485 AND 1501. FRENCH FELT UK PROPOSAL WAS INSIGNIFICANT AND WOULD NOT PREVENT PRESENT DEFINITION FROM BEING OBSOLETE. THEY VIEWED THRUST AS NO LONGER A SATISFACTORY CRITERION BUT COULD NOT YET THINK OF A BETTER ONE. THEY WOULD NOT STAND IN WAY OF UNANIMITY, THEREFORE.

2. US HAD BILATERALLY DISCUSSED SITUATION SUMMARIZED REFTTEL WITH ACTING UKDEL AND IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN THEM THAT DISCUSSION OF UK PROPOSAL SHOULD PROCEED ON MAY 11 AS SCHEDULED.

3. RECALLING US OBJECTION TO UK PROPOSAL TO RAISE CUT-OFF TO 6500 POUNDS LAST FALL, UK DEL SAID THE NEW ONE FOR 5500 WAS OFFERED AS A COMPROMISE. HE WAS EXTREMELY

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DISAPPOINTED THAT, AS LAST FALL, US WAS UNABLE TO STATE

VIEWS ON THIS MODEST PROPOSAL ON GROUND THAT WE "WOULD BE PRODUCING AN UNSPECIFIED REVISION OF ITEM 1460 AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME."

4. USDEL REFERRED TO PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS HE HAD SET FORTH LAST NOVEMBER, AND RECORDED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 4 OF COCOM DOC. REV (74) 1460/6. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ALREADY HAD A PROPOSAL UNDER STUDY AND WOULD BE SUBMITTING IT BEFORE VERY LONG. AT QUERY FROM THE CHAIR AS TO WHEN US MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER, USDEL SUGGESTED AD REFERENDUM JUNE 1. THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT OUR PROPOSAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CIRCULATION AMONG OTHER DELS A SUFFICIENT TIME IN ADVANCE, I.E., AROUND TEN DAYS, FOR ADEQUATE STUDY.

5. ADVISE ASAP LIKELIHOOD OF OUR BEING PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION ON JUNE 1 ON ASSUMPTIONS IN FOREGOING PARAGRAPH.
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